

Greenway Committee Meeting January 26, 2026

Attending: Carolyn Greenwald, Chair. Kathleen Yen, Trustee, Lynn Leopold, Susan Piliero, Jacob Von Mechow.

Shannon Park Pollinator Garden: Jacob presented a new drawing with tweaks as requested by the Greenway Committee (GC) and John Courtney. The new design removes the split rail fence, notes that the flowering trees should not impede the ball field and adds the location of the existing bulbs (to remain unless relocation is necessary). Jacob reminded the group that Plantsman recommended dogwood since we are balancing food for wildlife, native species, aesthetics and size. Lynn suggested we also consider chokeberry or serviceberry.

CCE Grant: The committee discussed potential submissions for the CCE beautification grant. Kathleen read the criteria. Although a prototype demonstration pollinator garden would be nice, the GC does not recommend doing two pollinator gardens at once and the Shannon Park garden is not on a main thoroughfare. Committee would like to use the CSE award of \$5,000 for the Shannon Park pollinator garden, invite the Pollinators Pathways group to the opening and host an information and outreach session with CCE after installation. Cornell Professor Melissa Guzman said she would also be interested in participating in pollinator outreach.

Regarding the CCE grant, the GC agrees that the best option is to apply for beautification of the Triphammer corridor by removing invasive pears in the right of way and along N. Triphammer Road. Those along Triphammer could be replaced in groupings with either Red Maple or Columnar Oak. This would be a multi-year project, with a few trees removed and new trees planted each year. Carolyn will ask the Trustees for permission to apply for the Beautification Grant for this project. If the Trustees grant approval, GC members will work with Carolyn on the grant at the next meeting.

The Committee began review of the definitions section of the current Greenway Plan. GC members will review the definitions and come prepared with expansion ideas at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:31.